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Liz and Team -

Wanted to make sure you saw this earlier today (a FOIA that Politico filed was released today - surprise to me) on the nature of the review that our Bureau of Reclamation is conducting on the Gold King Mine. Wanted to give you a heads up that AP is asking for the statement of work too and we're trying to sort of whether we have to provide since it's now public or if we can/should ask them to FOIA similarly to Politico.

I'll follow back up when I know more,
Jessica

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The Interior Department will conduct a wide-ranging technical review of the Animas River spill accidentally caused by EPA workers in August at the Gold King mine in Colorado, according to a [Superfund work form](#) obtained by POLITICO through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The Aug. 20 document for the first time outlines how Interior's Bureau of Reclamation will conduct its review, for which \$125,000 has been allocated. The review is focused on technical matters rather than legal issues like potential negligence.

It includes ten specific items to be addressed, including a description of the incident, histories of mining and clean-up operations in the region, EPA's emergency response plan, site conditions before and after the spill, industry standards and "lessons learned."

EPA is running its own investigation into the incident, as is the agency's inspector general. Lawmakers, [including](#) House Oversight Chairman Jason Chaffetz and Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop, have questioned whether Interior would be able to provide an unbiased evaluation.

Interior's review is due by the end of the month.

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